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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: Optical Pick-Up Apparatus, Optical Elements, and Objective Lens
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 266 pages, including 3 independent claims and 36 claims total.
2. Drawings - 43 sheets of formal drawings containing 58 figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Konica Corporation.
5. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 11-328264, filed November 18, 1999.
6. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 11-355788, filed December 15, 1999.
7. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-047984 filed February 24, 2000.

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8. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-083761 filed March 24, 2000.

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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Application No. 11-328264, filed November 18, 1999; Japanese Application No. 11-355788, filed December 15, 1999; Japanese Application No. 2000-047984 filed February 24, 2000; and Japanese Application No. 2000-083761 filed March 24, 2000.

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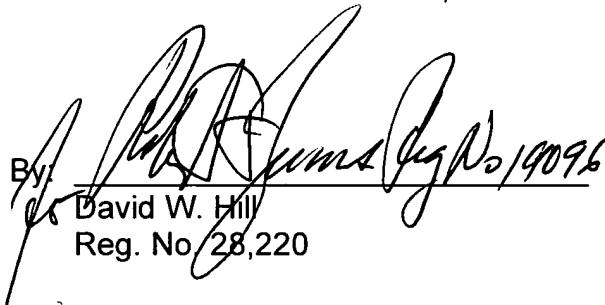
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